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EDGES TOWARD POLLS

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1. ACCORDING TO THE AUGUST FIRST AFTERNOON RADIO NEWS, CHIEF
ELECTION COMMISSIONER MUSHTAQ HUSSAIN ANNOUNCED AT A NEWS CON-
FERENCE IN RAWALPINDI THAT NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS
WILL BE HELD ON OCTOBER 18. THE LIST OF CANDIDATES WILL BE
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FINALIZED ON SEPTEMBER 4 AND THE CAMPAIGN WILL GET UNDER WAY
ABOUT TWO WEEKS LATER AFTER THE EID-UL FITR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY.

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, BHUTTO INFORMED PPP SUPPORTERS
WHO HAD COMEMTO MEET HIM ON JULY 31 AT HIS HOME IN LARKANA THAT
HE WOULD REVIEW THE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL SITUATION
WITH THE PARTY LEADERSHIP AT KARACHI -- THE PPP CENTRAL COMMITTEE

MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 1 -- AND THEN DECIDE IF HE WILL CONTEST THE ELECTIONS OR NOT. HE ASSURED HIS FOLLOWERS THAT WHATEVER DECISION HE MAKES IT WOULD BE IN THE NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. MAULANA KAUSAR NIAZI, ADDRESSING NEWSMEN IN ISLAMABAD ON JULY 31 IN HIS CAPACITY AS INFORMATION SECRETARY OF THE PPP, SOUNDED AN UPBEAT NOTE AND DECLARED THAT AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF PPP WORKERS, SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHIZERS IS IN FAVOR OF TAKING PART IN THE ELECTIONS. NIAZI, WHO SELDOM SPEAKS ON IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUES WITHOUT AUTHORITY FROM THE TOP, SAID THE ARRANGEMENTS MADE BY THE MILITARY LAW ADMINISTRATION TO INSURE FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS HAD BEEN INCLUDED IN THE AGREEMENT ORIGINALLY REACHED BETWEEN THE POLITICAL PARTIES -- IT IS ONLY THROUGH ELECTIONS DEMOCRACY COULD EVOLVE.

4. THE PNA HAS ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL HOLD ITS GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING ON AUGUST 7 IN LAHORE. CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF TWO CONSTITUENT PARTIES, TEHRIK AND JAMAAT-I-ISLAMCU, ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD THERE EARLIER IN THE WEEK AS WELL AS A MEETING OF THE PNA MANIFESTO COMMITTEE. SPEAKING TO NEWSMEN IN KARACHI, PNA SECRETARY GENERAL GHAFOR AHMED SAID THAT THE PNA WOULD ELIMINATE POVERTY AND "ISLANDS OF AFFLUENCE" WITHIN FIVE YEARS IF ELECTED. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THE PEOPLE WOULD RECOGNIZE THE PNA'S CONTRIBUTION TO RESTORING DEMOCRACY AND GIVE IT FULL SUPPORT AT THE POLLS.

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